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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/473,163 filed December 28, 1999, by T. H. Roessler et al.
for "METHOD OF MAKING A FEMININE SANITARY PROTECTION DEVICE."

This application is not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, a copy of this application is provided herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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